

New Water Conservation Rate Structure
Water and Sanitary Sewer Billing to Change

To comply with a 2008 Minnesota State Statute change requiring that all metropolitan public water suppliers adopt a water conservation rate structure, the City of Bloomington is changing its residential water and sewer services billing.

Although the recent changes to the state law only impact municipal water rate structures, the City operates its water and wastewater systems using the same staff, equipment and warehouse facilities for both water systems. As such, the City is addressing the impacts of this required change on both water and sanitary sewer rate structures.

On August 1, 2010, a partial rate change will include a two-tier water rate structure, elimination of the basic charge and a sanitary sewer rate

increase for the City’s commercial accounts that are currently billed based on water flow. With the exception of homeowners using significantly more water than average, these changes will decrease the annual amount paid by single-family homes.

Additional sanitary sewer structural changes will take place January 1, 2011. All multifamily dwellings (townhomes, apartments, mobile homes, etc.) currently being billed on a flat-rate unit basis will be converted to flow-based monthly billing. All single-family homes will move to flow-based bimonthly billing. Each bill will be based on a single-family home’s average winter water usage. This method recognizes that extra water used during summer months for irrigation does not enter the sanitary sewer. Overall,



the amount paid by single-family homes for sanitary sewer will decrease slightly. These structural changes, designed to fairly allocate costs for water and sanitary sewer usage, are independent of future rate increases that may be approved by the City Council.

For more information, contact Assistant Utilities Superintendent Glen Gerads at 952-563-8775.

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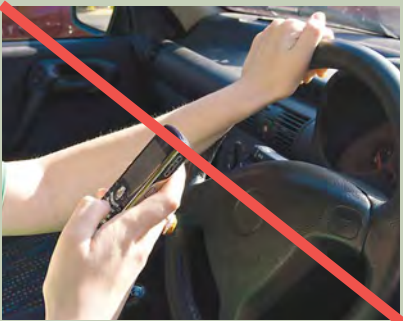
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The City of Bloomington complies with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its services, programs, or activities. Upon request, accommodation will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in all City of Bloomington services, programs, and activities. The City has designated coordinators to facilitate compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), and to coordinate compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations. For more information, contact the Human Services Division, City of Bloomington, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431-3027; 952-563-8733 (Voice); 952-563-8740 (TTY).

Upon request, this information can be available in Braille, large print, audio tape and/or electronic format.

ON PATROL
TEXTING WHILE DRIVING:
DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL



Since 2008, it has been illegal for a driver to compose, read or send a text message or access the Internet on a wireless device when a vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic. According to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, in 2008 driver distraction was the number one contributing factor to multiple-vehicle crashes in Minnesota. The law applies to drivers of all ages. As a primary violation, texting while driving can cost a driver up to \$300 in fines and drivers can be stopped for the offense. Since it is a moving violation, the incident could go on a driver’s record.

The best plan for drivers is to put the phones down, focus on the road and get to their destinations safely. For more information, contact the Bloomington Police Traffic Investigation Unit at 952-563-8602.

BOOK ’EM
ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE

The Bloomington Crime Prevention Association will hold its 18th annual used book sale, **June 5 - 19**, at 9801 Lyndale Avenue. Proceeds from the sale help fund crime prevention and awareness programs in Bloomington.

For more information, visit www.bcpamn.org.

IN THE COMMUNITY

CARING FOR OUR HOMES
SEMINARS ON EASY HOME REPAIRS AND WOOD FLOOR REFINISHING

The Bloomington Housing and Redevelopment Authority’s next home improvement seminar series will take place on **Thursdays, June 24, July 23 and August 26, 7 p.m.**, in the Civic Plaza Rehearsal Hall, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road.

Simple plumbing repairs	June 24
Simple electrical repairs	July 22
Hardwood floor refinishing	August 26

Seminars are open to the public. Drawings for door prizes will follow each seminar. For information, contact Program Specialist Tom Holman at 952-563-8941.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: HRA SEMINARS.



GOOD FOOD, GOOD COMPANY
DINING AT CREEKSIDE

Enjoy delicious and nutritious meals with your friends and neighbors at Creekside Community Center, 9201 Penn Avenue South. Sit-down meals are served **Monday - Friday, 11:45 a.m.** Call ahead for the monthly menu.

Don’t miss the upcoming “Party of the Month” and “Memorable Monday” events. These themed lunches begin at 11:30 a.m.

June 14	The Game of Bridge
June 28	Fish Tales and Boating Stories
July 8	Red, White and Blue
July 19	Minnesota Twins Day

Meals are \$6 for guests under 60 years old; \$3 suggested donation for guests over 60 years old.

For more information, call Creekside at 952-563-4948 or 952-563-4957 TTY.

RUNNERS SOUGHT
VISIT JAPAN FOR THE SENSHU INTERNATIONAL MARATHON

Bloomington Sister City Organization (BSCO) is seeking two representatives to compete in the February 2011 Senshu International Marathon, hosted by Bloomington’s sister city, Izumi City, Japan. The application deadline is **July 30, 2010**.

Host families needed

Host families are being sought for Japanese students who will be visiting Bloomington August 9 - 20.

For more information, call BSCO at 952-563-8713 or visit www.bloomington-izumi.org.

